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In the Abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

~~A method~~ An apparatus for automatically cutting a workpiece comprising ~~the steps of~~  
a linear feed assembly for moving a workpiece along its longitudinal axis, and an automated  
cutting assembly for positioning a cutting blade by rotating the blade about a vertical axis,  
positioning the cutting blade by rotating about a bevel axis, and vertically moving the blade  
into cutting contact with the workpiece, thereby stab cutting the workpiece and creating a  
bevel cut. The ~~method~~ apparatus may also ~~comprises~~ comprise an assembly for moving the  
blade along a transverse axis. ~~Further steps~~ The apparatus may include an assembly for  
moving the cutting blade along a transverse axis simultaneous to moving the workpiece along  
~~its~~ its longitudinal axis, thereby creating a scarf cut.